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SWISS AUTHORITIES SAY 'ISRAELI AGENTS' ARRESTED AT GERMANY'S REQUEST

BASLE, Switzerland, March 19. (JTA) -- Swiss authorities disclosed today that the arrest of an Israeli and an Austrian here for allegedly "threatening" a German scientist working in Egypt on a program of producing rockets, missiles and non-conventional weapons, was carried out by the Swiss police at the specific request of the public prosecutor of Freiburg, West Germany and the German police. The two will be tried before a court here for "illegal activities on behalf of a foreign state."

The identity of the arrested Israeli was revealed here today at a press conference by the State Prosecutor of Basle Walter Burkhard. He said the Israeli was a man named Joseph Bengal, 33, who traveled to Switzerland on a "service" passport from Israel. Dr. Burkhard claimed Bengal was an official of the Israeli Ministry for Education and Culture. The arrested Austrian is Professor Otto Jukelik.

Both Bengal and Jukelik were arrested March 2 in Basle after, according to Swiss police, they met Miss Heidi Goerke to try to "coerce" her into influencing her father, Prof. Jens Goerke, into halting work on the Egyptian missile program. A group of West German scientists are working in Egypt on weapons forbidden by international law. Swiss police also claimed that Miss Goerke and her family were threatened by the two "Israeli agents."

Dr. Burkhard denied a Tel Aviv report to the effect that Miss Goerke had "provoked" the two arrested men. He said the claim was groundless. "We didn't like to do what we are doing," the state prosecutor said at the press conference, "and in particular we don't like that it should be thought that whatever we do may help the Egyptians and the German Nazis now working for them. But we are under a legal obligation to act as we have acted. This is a matter of basic principle for us."

Woman Who Caused the Arrest is Now in Egypt, Prosecutor Reveals

The Swiss prosecutor told the newsmen at the press conference that only Bengal had threatened Heidi Goerke and that he was also in possession of a gun. He also asserted that Prof. Jukelik had been known to be in the vicinity of two German scientists who previously had been involved in similar incidents. They were a Dr. Kleinwachter whose kidnaping was announced in February and Prof. Heinz Krug whose disappearance was reported last September and who was "presumably kidnaped," Dr. Burkhard said.

He added that no Germans assisted in the arrest of the two men nor had the Basle police felt they were needed nor had they asked for any help from West German authorities. He also said that the charges against the two arrested men were based on witnesses who came not only from the Goerke family. He said there were no microphones put in the room in the Zurich hotel occupied by the two men.

The state prosecutor also confirmed reports that Heidi Goerke was now in Egypt, asked by newsmen why she had not been kept in West Germany to cooperate with the police, the prosecutor replied that "Miss Goerke was afraid and we could not prevent her from seeking what she thought would be safety in asylum, together with her family, the United Arab Republic."

Israel Ambassador Visits the Arrested Israeli in Swiss Prison

Shmuel Bentzur, the Israeli Ambassador in Switzerland, visited Bengal in the prison Lornhof this morning where the two men were being held. After his visit, which was Bengal's first contact with anyone but his captors, the envoy conferred with Dr. Wieland, Basle Attorney General.

The envoy told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had found Bengal looking fit and good health. He said Bengal had informed him that he had not been "maltreated in any way whatever" and that he had been "properly treated" by the Swiss authorities.

(From Frankfurt, it was reported that reaction in West Germany to news of the arrests Switzerland of Bengal and Jukelik had been limited so far to straight reporting of the somewhat vague and confused news. The reported actions of the two men were described as an attempt to exercise "undue influence" on German citizens.)

BOONN ASKED BY ISRAEL TO REMOVE GERMAN NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS FROM EGYPT

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- The Israeli authorities have been in direct contact, recently, with the German Government, in efforts to get Bonn to take steps to remove German scientists from participation in the Egyptian program for development of non-conventional weapons, reliable sources here said today. The contacts have been carried on in Germany through Israel's Purchasing Mission at Cologne, and have been pursued in this country through high-ranking German visitors.

Israeli authorities, it was learned, are considering public issuance of details about the activities of nearly 400 German scientists, engineers and expert technicians now at work in Egypt for the perfection of non-conventional weapons to be used against Israel.

Haaretz, leading independent morning newspaper in Israel, reported today that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser has earmarked several million dollars as prizes for German scientists, as an incentive toward completion of work in rocket development and in the perfection of an electronic guidance system for missiles. Meanwhile, according to the report, work is already proceeding in Egypt for the preparation of missile warheads using radioactive waste.

There are hopes in authoritative circles here that disclosure of the Egyptian projects being advanced by German scientists might influence public opinion in Germany and assist in obtaining official German Government pressure on the German scientists toward their withdrawal from the Egyptian programs.

German Government circles are understood to have said that they have no legal means for controlling the activities of their citizens abroad. They point out that they have succeeded in getting Prof. Eugen Saenger, the German scientist who headed Egypt's rocket program which launched a missile last year, to return to Germany. They say that "several other scientists" have also returned from Egypt.

AUSTRIAN ARRESTED IN 'BASLE CASE' WAS REGISTERED AS 'COUNSELOR' TO EGYPT

VIENNA, March 19. (JTA) -- Professor Otto Jukelik, the Austrian citizen arrested with an Israeli at Basle recently on charges of having "threatened" a German scientist employed on Egypt's program for development of non-conventional weapons against Israel, has been registered officially in this country as a "counselor" for the Egyptian Government, federal police disclosed here today.

It was announced here today that Prof. Jukelik was visited in jail by the Austrian Consul-General at Basle, after Switzerland formally notified the Austrian Embassy of the man's arrest. Police here said that Prof. Jukelik "never had any conflict with the law." His home is in Grossgmein, a village near Salzburg, where his wife works.

SENATE HEARS PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET BAN ON BAKING OF MATZOTH

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- Protests were voiced in the Senate today by Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr., New Jersey Democrat, and Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, against the Soviet refusal to permit baking of matzoth for Passover Observance next month.

Sen. Williams made known that he was seeking to determine if there was some effective way the United States Government could intercede. The Senator said "this arbitrary action exposes Soviet allegations that there is no official policy of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union."

Sen. Javits said the refusal even to permit the import of matzoth was another "direct attack by the Kremlin against Jewish religious practices." He said Premier Khrushchev "owes the world an explanation" and that the action should be protested by all free nations."

BRITISH COURT UPHOLDS TWO-MONTH SENTENCE AGAINST LEADING ANTI-SEMITIC

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Colin Jordan, leader of the anti-Semitic British National Socialist movement, had a two-month sentence for abusive language at a Trafalgar Square rally upheld today by a three-justice divisional court.

The judges ruled that the sentence had been wrongfully quashed on appeal and ordered Jordan to serve the sentence. It was imposed on him for his participation in a violently anti-Semitic rally in the Square last July 1.

Lord Chief Justice Parker ruled that the case was "perfectly clear." The British fascist already is serving a nine-month term on another charge growing out of the activities of his movement.

GOVERNOR OF CASABLANCA PRESIDES AT ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ORT IN MOROCCO

CASABLANCA, March 19. (JTA) -- Colonel Driss Ben Amar, Governor of Casablanca, today acted as presiding officer at the annual celebration of ORT of Morocco. A representative of the Moroccan Ministry of National Education was also present at the gala event.

GOLDMANN APPEALS AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE FOR END TO PARTY FRAMEWORK

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, appealed again today for an end to the party framework of the Zionist movement which he said was "hindering the fulfillment of the Zionist task."

Speaking at the World Zionist Actions Committee meeting, he said that unless the Zionist parties "agree to a new arrangement whereby they relinquish monopoly on movements there are no prospects for the movement's rejuvenation." He asserted that the parties were "debilitating" the Zionist movement and called on the Actions Committee to set up machinery "to deal during the coming years with various proposals for far-reaching changes in the movement's structure."

Yaacov Tzur, chairman of the Actions Committee--the supreme body of the World Zionist movement between Zionist Congresses--read a message from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in which the Premier expressed the hope that the meeting would "succeed in fortifying the unity of the Jewish people and also, if it is permissible to express the hope--which may or may not be fulfilled--that you will try to explain to all calling themselves Zionists that Zionism means returning to Zion."

Dr. Goldmann said one of the critical problems of the Zionist movement was to increase immigration from the free countries. He added that otherwise, unless the Soviet Union opened its gates for Jewish migration, there would be no more immigration in Israel in a few years.

There were two other essential tasks for the Zionist movement to perform, Dr. Goldmann said. One was to ensure Jewish and Hebrew education and the other to organize the Jewish people as a fighting force to defend its right to create its culture, ensuring the Jewish future and linking the people with the State of Israel as partners in the upbuilding and consolidation of the State.

He argued that the organization of the Jewish people as a combatant creative force was becoming weakened particularly for the lack of a representative organization and the "growing organizational chaos" and the failure of American Jewry to realize that it must function within the framework of the world Jewish organizations. He stressed the "diminishing impact" of the Zionist movement in the United States and he urged reform of the movement's internal structure.

Sharett Says Zionism Could Effectively Counteract Assimilation

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, told the delegates that nothing could counteract assimilation of Jews more effectively than Zionism and a strong Zionist movement was a vital necessity for Israel.

He said there was a rising wave of assimilation particularly among the young generation which he said was much evident in Western Europe and in North America and among a Jewry "which is prevented from participation" in the movement, presumably a reference to Soviet Jews.

On the other hand, he added, there was a freshening manifestation of an awakening of national consciousness from the roots of destruction and salvation, "the horrors of the holocaust and the splendor of independence." Here and there, he said, "a Jewish spark is kindled" and there was an urge for the content of Jewish life in a new reality. These manifestations, he added, constituted a challenge to the Zionist movement.

Rose Halprin Reports on Sentiments of Jews in United States

Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told the delegates that American Jews as a whole were very close to Israel but "paradoxically," as the Zionist movement grew weaker, there was "a wider acceptance of the Zionist approach." She described this as the Zionist doctrine of cultural interplay, of the importance of the study of Hebrew and Bible, of the need for deepening the content of Jewish education and of granting Israel "a central position" in that education.

Describing what she believed to be the "consensus" of American Zionists on aliyah, she said that while immigration was recognized as a major pillar in Zionism, "one cannot expect a mass aliyah" from the United States. She said "we believe that some of our youth will want to take their place as builders of Israel from positive idealistic reasons. We believe also that any negative approach, any attempt to create fear or uncertainty will not enhance aliyah by one iota."

She reported that in the youth field, the Zionist movement in the United States had helped to revitalize the student bodies on the campus, helped to strengthen various junior organizations and achieved a "good measure" of cooperation with non-Zionist youth.

She cited the increase in the Jewish day school movement from 193 schools with 30,000 pupils ten years ago to 275 schools with 54,000 pupils now and said that it was Zionism which gave a substantial impetus to that growth.

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS CANCEL PARLEY IN ISRAEL IN DISPUTE OVER DIVORCES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of American Conservative Rabbis, confirmed today reports that the organization postponed the holding of a convocation scheduled for this summer in Israel, as a protest against an action against it by religious officials in Israel.

The organization's executive council canceled the conference because Jewish religious authorities in Israel refused to accept two Jewish divorces executed by the Rabbinical Assembly's Beth Din (rabbinical court). The conference would have been in the form of a "kinus," an assembly for contacts with Israelis, rather than a convention, and it would have been the first Conservative "kinus" in Israel.

The executive council took the action after a protest to the Israel Ministry for Religions failed to elicit a satisfactory reply, a spokesman said. He added that negotiations were continuing between the Rabbinical Assembly and officials in Israel in an effort to settle the dispute so that the "kinus" could be scheduled for 1964. It was to have been held in June or July of this year originally, the spokesman said.

BRITISH PHILANTHROPIST PLEDGES \$700,000 FOR BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Charles Wolfson, brother of Sir Isaac Wolfson, prominent British philanthropist, today pledged a gift of 250,000 pounds sterling (\$700,000), to cover the initial cost of the establishment of a boarding school for Jewish girls in Oxfordshire, the first of its kind in Britain.

The site of the new school is close to Carmel College, the boarding school for Jewish boys, which owns the site. Sponsors of the new project said there was a great demand for a boarding school for Jewish girls.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY ESTABLISHES SCHIFF MEMORIAL FUND

LOS ANGELES, March 19. (JTA) -- A permanent tribute to Ludwig Schiff, pioneer Los Angeles merchant and philanthropist, in the form of the Ludwig Schiff Memorial Fund, was announced by the Jewish Community Foundation of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation-Council.

Mr. Schiff, who was 87 at his death last week, was associated for more than seven decades with the development of the Los Angeles Jewish community. He was a member of the board of directors of many Jewish and general community civic organizations. Born in Frankfurt, he came to the United States when he was 12.

NATHAN CHANIN RETIRES AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF WORKMEN'S CIRCLE

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Nathan Chanin, an outstanding figure in Jewish life for nearly half a century, has announced his retirement as general secretary of the Workmen's Circle, national Jewish fraternal and cultural organization. Mr. Chanin, whose 75th birthday was observed last year in a special 60-page supplement of the Jewish Daily Forward, said that he plans to continue his associations with the Workmen's Circle and other organizations in Jewish life. He has long been a leader in HIAS, Bonds for Israel, and the Jewish Labor Committee, which he helped to found.

Jacob T. Zukerman, president of the Workmen's Circle, said that Mr. Chanin's retirement had been accepted with "keen regret." Benjamin Gebiner, assistant general secretary for 25 years, will become executive secretary; and William Stern, director of the English-Speaking division for 17 years, will become administrative director. Zalman Yefroikin, the educational director for 12 years, will continue as the third national staff officer.

LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES INVITED TO BUENOS AIRES PARLEY

BUENOS AIRES, March 19. (JTA) -- Leaders of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress approved a resolution today to invite representatives of all Jewish communities in Latin America to attend a July plenary session of the South American executive here.

It was also resolved that commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising should be held in the form of a demonstration against the resurgence of Nazism in Latin America. Other resolutions concerned action against Nazi infiltration into Latin American countries and the problems of Jewish youth.

RABBI LEIPZIGER DIES IN NEW ORLEANS; HAD SERVED IN TOURO SYNAGOGUE

NEW ORLEANS, March 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, rabbi emeritus of Touro Synagogue, who died at the age of 85 in Houston, where he had lived for the past two years.

A rabbi for nearly 50 years, he was active in the organization of the New Orleans Community Chest and the Jewish Welfare Fund. Although he said he was not a Zionist, he worked untiringly for Palestine in a haven for homeless Jewish refugees, and, after the State of Israel was proclaimed, continued that work.